

**FINANCES FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 1,**

**MONTHLY BUDGET \$8,356**

Dec. Sunday Collections to Date:  
\$1,735.19

**PARKING LOT:** Received \$210

**CFSA 2019:** Received \$0

**DECEMBER INTERCESSION:** For all those experiencing loneliness during the holiday season. May we notice them and reach out to them with love and compassion.

**UPCOMING HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:**

**Dec. 24/25 and Dec. 31/Jan. 1**

*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 3:10)*

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 9) is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

*The purple used throughout this Advent season signifies the coming of the One True King.*

So this year, try to not think about yourself, but think of the things you can do to help others have a wonderful Christmas, and you will find that you will be happy, too.

St. Magdalen Parish would like to extend a warm

welcome to all who are visiting or are new to the area. If you are not registered at St. Magdalen and consider this your Parish, please contact or stop by the Parish Office.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** are on  
Wednesday evenings.

**K - 4th & 9th Grade at 6:30-7:30PM**

**5th - 8th & 10 Grade at 7:45-8:45PM**

**COFFEE & ROLLS SIGN-UP**

Volunteers are needed to serve

Coffee & Rolls for January 5 and May

3. Individuals, families or groups may volunteer. Sign-up is in the Church lobby. Thank You!



**Teach them how to pray**

**with help from CDA.**

CDA Ct. Saint Christina will be selling rosary books for support to the Focus program. For just \$10 you receive a beautiful spiral bound, easy read, step by step book for reciting the rosary. A perfect gift for Christmas, First Communion, Confirmation, or anyone. Contact any CDA member in our parish.

**OUR 2020 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ENTRY. PLEASE LIMIT THEM TO ONE PER FAMILY. THANKS!**

**DEC. 8, 2019--SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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**Maintenance:** Looking for a maintenance/handy person.

**Call office to inquire about position**

**Custodian:** Paula Kroeger

**Prayer Chain:** Rita Temple—605-238-5655

**ST. MAGDALEN PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Vice Chair:** Marlyn Jacobson

**Secretary:** Douglas Wernke

**Members:** Darrel Buller, John Weaver & Paula Kroeger

**SUNDAY MASS OBSERVANCE:**

Sunday 10:30 AM

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Wednesday 9:00 AM

(Except First Wednesday of the Month when it is in Canton)

First Thursday Only 5:15 PM

Friday 9:00 AM

(First Friday of the Month @ Good Samaritan)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Sunday before Mass.

First Thursdays following Mass until 6:15 PM.

Any time by appointment.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:**

**Sacrament of Baptism:** By appointment.

Call parish office.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** By appointment.  
Preparation at least 6 full months in advance.

Call parish office.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesdays:** 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Wednesdays:** 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

**Thursdays:** 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Fridays:** 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**FROM FATHER:** God bless you as we continue our Advent “journey” toward Christmas. During this time of the liturgical year Holy Mother Church also teaches us to reflect on both visible comings of the Lord: His Nativity and His return on the last day, but also the in between invisible coming of the Lord. In the Divine Office St. Bernard preaches the following:

“We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, the other two are visible. In the first coming He was seen on earth, dwelling among men; He Himself testifies that they saw Him and hated Him. In the final coming *all flesh will see the salvation of our god, and they will look on Him whom they pierced.* The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves, and they are saved. In His first coming our Lord came in our flesh and our weakness; in this middle coming He comes in spirit and power; in the final coming He will be seen in glory and majesty.”

A further quote from Scripture that St. Bernard uses to point to our Lord’s own words about His invisible coming to those who are His: *If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.*

I’ll conclude by reminding us that in this in between period, we have the coming of the Holy Spirit to us, as well, He being sent by the Father and the Son. The indwelling of the Holy Trinity within the souls of those in Sanctifying Grace is real and happening now!

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Typically we would have another holy day of obligation this week: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary which normally falls on December the 8<sup>th</sup>. Since the 8<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, this year and in such circumstances the Bishops of the United States decided some time ago that in such a case it would not be a holy day of obligation.

Christmas is always a holy day of obligation. For your planning, after consulting with our choirs/musicians, this will be the Christmas Mass schedule between the two parishes:

Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve: 5:30pm Mass at St. Dominic parish (extra Christmas music beforehand)

Wednesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day: 9am Mass at St. Magdalen parish (extra Christmas music beforehand)

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For St. Magdalen parish, besides all the standard opportunities for Confession, these will be added during Advent: Sunday, Dec. 15, following Mass and Sunday, Dec. 22, following Mass.

God Bless You, Fr. Rader

During the weekends of Advent you are welcome to make a special donation to the Christmas flower fund. As is our tradition we will use white poinsettias to decorate our worship space for the Christmas season and your donations - in honor of or in memory of a loved one - help to magnify the beauty. Please drop your donation in the collection or leave it in the office; be sure to designate the name of the person you wish to honor. These names will be published in the Bulletin. The entire parish community thanks you!

A liturgist would say “Art and Environment” and a layperson would say “decorating” but either way we know that the look and feel of the sanctuary space makes a difference to the liturgy. Decorating the church for Christmas is scheduled after Mass on Sunday, Dec. 22. Can you linger after Mass a while to help? The indigo/purple of Advent will be replaced by white and gold banners. The huge Christmas tree is brought down from the attic and assembled in the altar area. Garlands and lights are brought out of storage and strung. The simplicity of the Advent wreath is replaced by poinsettia plants and the Nativity scene. It doesn’t happen by elves! The pros will be on hand to direct; now many hands (of all ages) are needed to carry out the fun. If you have questions, contact Wendy Sweeter at 605-251-8497. No need to RSVP, just stay and help!

***MASS MINISTERS FOR DEC. 15***

**SERVERS:** Joseph Boysen, Eli Homan, Alex Schuelke & Karin Sweeter

**CANTOR:** Cheryl Ziegler

**LECTORS:** Lindsay Dummer & Andrea Kribell

**SACRISTAN:** Liz Schmidt

**GREETERS:** Austin & Tina Buhta Family

**USHERS:** Brian Schuelke, Darin & Peyton Eich

**EUCCHARIST:** Larinda Collette/Jere Kribell

***Annual Advent Baby Shower***

As Mary clothed the child Jesus, so we are invited to clothe the littlest in our midst. Little ones across the Diocese are in need of your help. Join in the 27th Annual Advent Baby Shower running now through Christmas. Please bring *NEW* baby items, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months, diapers/wipes, blankets, toys, etc. and place them in the bassinet in the entry area. If you would be willing to be in charge of this event, please contact the office.

**Our 4th Graders will be selling jars of cookie mix (which they are making themselves) after Mass on Dec. 15 to raise money to buy a gift from the Angel Tree in Lennox to give to someone in need. Your support for this fundraiser is greatly appreciated.**

**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF COURT ST. CHRISTINA** at ST. Magdalen parish are offering for sale small books on praying the rosary. These are the *perfect gift* for anyone learning to appreciate the beauty of this prayer but also for anyone who already loves the rosary! Find Rita Temple after Mass to inquire. \$10 each



**THOUGHTS, PRAYERS**

**& BEST WISHES**  
***Good Samaritan:***

Judy Buchanan, Peggy Connell,  
Stanley Drobeck, Patricia McCarthy,  
Joseph Stastny, Sandra Imwiehe  
& Connie Cook

***Lennox Assisted Living:***

Pat Crevier, Stan Wolf, Paul & Barb Graff

**HEALTH CHALLENGES**

Dan Ketcham, Ruby Nordman  
& Marilyn Jacobson

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

SUNDAY, Dec. 8, 10:30 AM Mass

+John & +Grace Clepper by Lisle Stabrawa

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11, 9:00 AM Mass

W/B Marilyn Jacobson by Bernard Kaskie

FRIDAY, Dec. 13, 9:00 AM Mass

+Charlotte Kaskie by Patricia Kaskie

SUNDAY, Dec. 15, 10:30 AM Mass

Parishioners of St. Magdalen & St. Dominic

*Suggested donation is \$10  
Call or contact the Office to request a Mass.*